

What is claimed is:

1. A method of using a graphical user interface to navigate a media center, comprising:
displaying at least one three-dimensional media center icon representing an attribute of said media center; and
in response to a user input, updating said at least one media center icon to display information for a user to navigate said media center.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one media center icon comprises: a remote control icon representing a remote control and said updating comprises updating said remote control icon to indicate processing of a command received from said remote control.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said remote control icon is a three-dimensional animation of a remote control.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein said command is a command to select one of a plurality of media devices.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein said updating comprises: displaying activation of a button of said remote control icon corresponding to a control button of said remote control that was activated to input said command.
6. The method of claim 3, further comprising: generating an auditory signal to indicate processing of said command.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises: displaying media device icons for a plurality of media devices.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein said plurality of media devices includes at least one of a TV receiver, DVR, PVR, EPG, CD player, DVD player, interactive electronic game, digital radio, or an Internet appliance.
9. The method of claim 7, further comprising: responsive to a user input selecting one of the media device icons, activating a media player for a corresponding media device.
10. The method of claim 7, wherein said updating comprises: rotating said media device icons from a front view to a rear view to display a representation of media device connections.
11. The method of claim 10, further comprising: setting up media device connections.
12. The method of claim 7, wherein said media device icons comprise three-dimensional representations of media devices.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein:

a first media center icon is a media player icon having a window disposed on a front surface for displaying media, a back surface, and a side surface connecting said front and back surfaces; and

said updating comprises:

rotating said first media player icon from a front view to a side view; and
opening a second media player icon;

wherein a portion of the side of said first media player icon remains unobstructed from view by said second media player.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said first media player is activated by selecting an unobstructed portion of said first media player icon.

15. A graphical user interface for a media center, comprising:

at least one three-dimensional media center icon representing an attribute of said media center.

16. The graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said at least one media center icon is a remote control icon for a universal remote control, the remote control icon having buttons representing a plurality of media control buttons of said universal remote control; said buttons of the remote control icon being updatable to represent processing of commands received from said universal remote control.

17. The graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said at least one media center icon comprises:

a media player icon having a window disposed on a front surface for displaying media content, a back surface, and at least one side surface;

wherein a front view and a side view of the media player icon may be displayed.

18. The graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein:

said at least one media center icon comprises a plurality of media device icons are arranged to represent a stack of media devices for providing media content;

each media device icon having a front surface and a rear connector surface for representing one media device;

wherein a front view and a rear connector view of media device icons may be displayed.

19. A media center, comprising:

a display;

a computer receiving commands from a remote control;

a graphics processor coupled to the computer for generating graphical images on said display;

 said computer displaying three-dimensional media center icons to represent attributes of said media center.

20. The media center of claim 19, wherein said media center icons include a remote control icon to represent said remote control.

21. The media center of claim 19, where said computer is configured to display media center icons for a stack of entertainment devices.

22. The media center of claim 19, wherein said computer is configured to display media center icons for a plurality of media devices and their associated connections during a setup step for establishing media device connections.

23. The media center of claim 19, wherein said computer is configured to display media center icons comprising media player icons.

24. The media center of claim 23, wherein at least one media center icon is an inactive media window icon corresponding to an edge-view of a media player icon.

25. A method of navigating a media center, comprising:
 displaying an animated remote control icon representing a remote control; and
 responsive to receiving a command from said remote control, updating said remote control icon to indicate processing of said command.

26. The method of claim 23, wherein said updating comprises: displaying activation of a button of the remote control icon corresponding to a control button of the remote control that was activated to input a command to select a media mode.

27. A method of setting up a media center, comprising:
 displaying a front view of a three-dimensional image of a stack of media devices associated with the media center; and
 responsive to a set-up request, displaying a rear view of the three dimensional image indicating connections between the media devices.

28. The method of claim 27, further comprising:
 receiving at least one user input indicating at least one desired media device connection; and
 setting up said media devices to have said at least one desired media device connection.

29. The method of claim 27, further comprising:
 updating said three-dimensional image to indicate device connections.

30. A method of navigating a media center, comprising:
 - receiving a command selecting a media device;
 - displaying a media player icon for the selected media device; and
 - displaying a media device icon representing the selected media device in a position to indicate that the selected media device has been selected.
31. The method of claim 30, further comprising:
 - displaying a stack of media device icons, each media device icon representing a stack of media devices associated with the media center.
32. The method of claim 31, wherein displaying said media device icon representing the selected media device further comprises: displaying said media device icon representing the selected media device proximate said media player icon.
33. The method of claim 30, further comprising: displaying a remote control icon representing a universal remote control for inputting commands and updating the remote control icon to indicate entry of commands.
34. The method of claim 30, further comprising:
 - receiving a second command selecting a second media device;
 - rotating the first media player icon to a side view;
 - displaying a second media player icon for the second selected media device; and
 - displaying a second media device icon representing the selected media device, with a portion of the first media player icon remaining in view.
35. A method of navigating a media center, comprising:
 - displaying three-dimensional media device icons representing media devices;
 - responsive to a user selecting a media device icon, activating a media player for a corresponding media device represented by the media device icon.
36. A media center, comprising:
 - means for generating three-dimensional media center icons representing attributes of said media center; and
 - means for adjusting display of said three-dimensional media center icons to provide contextual navigational information to a user.